

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, Florida

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting March 22, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Deacon Cindy Roehl, Bob Lee, Dave Dube, Cheryl Sharpe, Maureen Belote, Sandy Kneen, Jerry Mullinax, Dan Depies, Joe Nixon, Pat Cates (clerk).

Members Absent: Chris Schombs

I. Call to Order and Opening Devotions

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Becky at 6:25PM
- The Opening Devotion was given by Sandy Kneen

II. Bible Study

- Pastor Becky led the Bible Study from Micah 6:6-8.

III. Information

A. Mark Your Calendars

- **March 24:** ERD Shrimp Boil @ 6:00PM
- **March 25:** Meals of Hope Packing Event @ RCS
- **March 26:** Peace Soup—4:00PM at TTCS
- **March 31: Mutual Ministry Review response deadline**
- **April 2:** Member Appreciation Sunday? (5 Marks of Love: “Treasure”)
- **April 6:** Drum Circle on the Beach
- **April 8:** B & G Work Day 9:00—2:00PM
- **April 9-16: Holy Week and Easter (see agenda for more)**
- **April 19: Vestry Visioning @ 7PM**—Goal work due
- **April 26: Vestry Meeting @ 6:15**
- **May 6:** Diocesan Vestry Retreat @ DaySpring

B. Financial Report

- Joe Nixon reported on Handout #1A.
- Joe has broken down the finances of the parish into three categories: Personnel, Building & Grounds and Other.
- Contributions need to cover Personnel costs.
- It has only been in the past three years that contributions have covered the Personnel Costs.
- The Endowment Fund covers Building & Grounds.
- Other is covered through revenue streams such as contributions, the Furniture Thrift Store and the parking lot fundraisers as well as other fundraisers

- The parish needs these alternative revenue streams, and the congregation needs to understand the importance of these revenue streams as it relates to the budget.
- Joe reported that the parish would not make its budget without the Furniture Thrift Store, parking lot revenue and fundraising revenue.
- He pointed out on page 11 of Handout #1A that contributions for the past four months have been less than the previous year. March may also fall into this same pattern.
- April will be a good month with Easter and five Sundays
- There is enough money in the operating account to cover March and possibly April.
- He is hoping that a withdrawal from the Endowment Fund will not need to be made until July.

C. Treasurer's Report

- In the future Joe will send members a copy of his treasurer's report (Handout #1B) and well as the monthly financial report.
- He asks that questions about the two reports be given to him in advance in order that they can be addressed at the monthly Vestry meeting.

IV. Decision

A. Consent Items

- February 22, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes—approve
- A motion to approve was made by Dave Dube; seconded by Cheryl Sharpe
- Approved

V. Discussion

A. Property & Casualty Insurance—Approved Savings Offer

- Joe Nixon phoned the Diocese to ask about the changes to the liability insurance of the parish.
- The Diocese is totally in favor of taking advantage of this opportunity.
- The parish is covered under the Diocesan \$285M umbrella policy.
- The new premium will save the parish 11% of liability insurance costs which is a savings of \$3393.
- The deductible will go from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per occurrence.
- The umbrella coverage will go from \$10M to \$4M.
- The annual premium is \$30,450.
- Cheryl Sharpe moved that this item be moved from the Discussion Agenda to the Decision Agenda; Sandy Kneen seconded.
- Cheryl Sharpe moved to accept the proposal; Jerry Mullinax seconded.
- A friendly amendment specified that the premium savings will go into a restricted account for two years and then reviewed.

- Approved.

B. Donation: \$500 to the Braille Group of Pinellas County

- Cindy Roehl reported that this group contributes the Braille bulletin which is used by Ray Fisher and are very dependable in supplying this document.
- They will also supply other bulletins if we have other visually impaired worshippers.
- Last year the parish gave them a \$500 donation to help with costs.
- Ray Fisher has told Cindy that the bulletin makes him feel part of the church family.
- Joe Nixon made a motion to take \$500 from Shepherd's Hands funds to make a donation to the Braille Group of Pinellas County for 2017. Seconded by Dave Dube.
- Approved.

C. Peace Park: Agreements with neighbors to park

- Joe Nixon and Bob Lee have been talking with two individuals who want to park vehicles at Peace Park.
- Pastor Becky spoke to the Chancellor and was told that we need to have them sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. Handout #2A
- Joe has been talking with the neighbor on the north and Bob has been talking with the neighbor on the east of Peace Park.
- The person that Joe has been talking with has indicated that he has put money in the mailbox. This has not been confirmed.
- The neighbor to the east is having issues with the city over his vehicles and would like to use Peace Park and has sent Bob a letter indicating he will pay \$100 a month. Handout #2B
- Pastor Becky talked with the insurance company who indicated that there is an additional premium charge of \$5.00 per vehicle.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the amount to charge these individuals.
- Joe pointed out that the agreement with Edgewater Arms charges \$2.50 a day or \$75.00 a month (based upon a month being 30 days). He asked that this charge be consistent for each person who uses our lots.
- After a time of mutual invitation it was the consensus to accept the north neighbor's offer of \$100 a month with the understanding that the question of his boat will be revisited in 30 days.
- Joe will ask \$75 a month from the neighbor to the north and verify that previous payments have been made.
- A parking lot agreement will be written.

D. Team/Committee Reports

- Bob Lee reported that there was a discussion at the Warden's meeting relative to having committees submit a report of their meetings prior to the Vestry meeting.
- These reports will be beneficial to the Vestry members in their future work.
- It is requested that the committees report their activities in writing to the Vestry each month.

E. Keirsej Review

- Pastor Becky went over the results of the Kiersey as shown on Handout #3A "Vestry Kiersey Scores 02-2017".
- There was a lengthy discussion in interpreting and using the scores as found in Handout #3B.
- The purpose of having members complete the review is to help all members understand how each member thinks and feels.
- This will be useful in the Vestry work and has already shown itself to be useful in the Visioning process.

VI. Planning

A. Diocesan Vestry Retreat: Who wants to go?

- Maureen Belote, Joe Nixon, Cheryl Sharpe and Bob Lee will attend the Diocesan Vestry Retreat.

B. Membership Appreciation Sunday April 2nd

- Stewardship Moment ideas
- Bob Lee will be giving the Stewardship Moment on April 2nd and has asked that each member send him a couple of sentences as it relates to membership appreciation.
- Program/Activity at Coffee Hour?
- The Coffee Hour will be treated as a Vestry fifth Sunday. Sandy Kneen will coordinate refreshments and will be contacting the members.
- Dave Dube offered to display a chart of the mission and ministry team members to be displayed in Kirk Hall. He will contact the team leaders to get the names of the members of each team.
- The theme for that Sunday will be "treasure" as found in the Five Marks of Love.
- There were ideas presented to show membership appreciation and a short discussion followed.
- It was suggested that individual photographs be taken of the members and incorporated into a future presentation on the church's projector.

C. Safeguarding God's People Training

- All Vestry Members must have it!
- Dave Dube and Dan Depies must have the training; Chris Schombs' expires this year.
- In addition Jan Cote and Garry Lumm must take the training.
- Cheryl Sharpe will offer a class.

VII. Closing Devotions

- The closing devotion was given by Sandy Kneen

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

C. Pat Cates
Clerk